

REMARKS

Unity of Invention

Claims 1-16, 19, 20, 22 and 23 are pending and are subject to a Unity of Invention restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 for reciting inventions or groups of inventions that are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. (*See*, Office Communication, at page 2). Applicants traverse as hereinafter set forth.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1, 15 and 19.

According to MPEP § 803, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without a serious burden, the Examiner *must* examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has not provided sufficient evidence to support a finding of lack of unity. Moreover, the Examiner has not set forth sufficient evidence to establish that search and examination of all pending claims pose a serious burden. As such, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner rejoins all of the pending claims.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Unity of Invention Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

In addition, upon allowance of composition claims, method claims which include all of the limitations of the allowed claims should be rejoined.

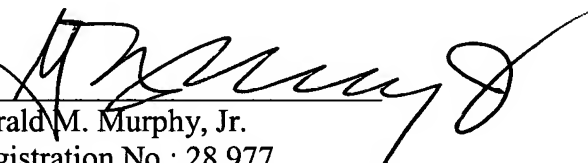
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Monique T. Cole, Registration No 60,154 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☒ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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